

HOUSE No. 1367

By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the overpopulation of coyotes in the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY IN ORDER TO BALANCE THE NEEDS OF PROPERTY OWNERS WITH THOSE OF COYOTES.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of 7 members,
2 is hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation
3 and study relative to devising a comprehensive plan to address the
4 growing overpopulation of coyotes in the commonwealth, and to
5 better balance the safety and well-being of residents with the
6 needs of coyotes for adequate natural habitat. Said commission
7 shall consist of three members of the house of representatives, one
8 of whom shall be the house chair of the Joint Committee on Nat-
9 ural Resources and Agriculture, two members of the Senate, one
10 of whom shall be the Senate chair of the Joint Committee on Nat-
11 ural Resources and Agriculture, the commissioner of the Depart-
12 ment of Fish & Game, and one representative of anti-trapping
13 interests.

14 Said commission shall report to the General Court the results of
15 its study and its recommendations together with drafts of legisla-
16 tion necessary to carry its recommendations into effect by filing
17 the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives on or
18 before December 31, 2005.